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TOWN OF DORCHESTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2005

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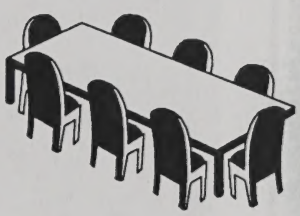
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

DORCHESTER, N.H.



Year Ended

December 31, 2005

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF

Alice E. Melanson

July 30, 2005

A tireless, compasionate worker to the Town of Dorchester

YOU WILL BE MISSED

Welfare Director : 1985 ~ 2005

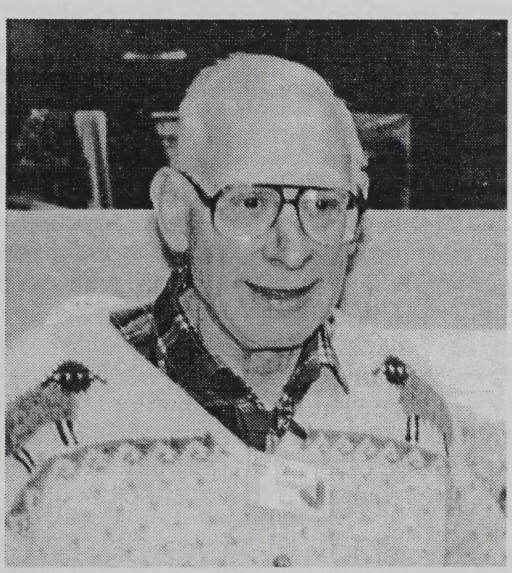
Ballot Clerk

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF

Robert R. Estabrook

August 26, 2005

A Voice of Reason
in the
Town of Dorchester



Selectman: 1997 ~ 2003

Conservation Commission: 2003 ~ 2005

Selectmen's Report

2005 brought the Town of Dorchester, its residents and elected officials a whole new set of challenging and often frustrating problems. A majority of these challenges came from outside the geographical boundaries of Dorchester.

Increased Federal and State mandates complete with their endless meetings and reams of paperwork had your Board of Selectmen traveling out of Dorchester to attend meetings in Concord and surrounding towns. Mother Nature and her seemingly inexhaustible bag of weather tricks, often kept the Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent dealing with "missing roads and bridges."

So-o-o-o what exactly do Selectmen do anyway? Under the RSAs, the Board of Selectmen's duty is to "manage the prudential affairs of the town." Prudential affairs should be thought of as filling in the details; anything of an executive, managerial or administrative nature that needs to be done to carry out the votes enacted at town meetings, past and present, fall on the shoulders of the Selectmen.

Town Meeting appropriates the money, but the Selectmen are given the authority to spend it. All funds dispersed by the Town of Dorchester must be approved and signed by at least two (2) of the (3) Selectmen. Unlike most other towns, Dorchester's Selectmen spend a great deal of time, examining all bills and invoices presented for payment by the town. Questions are asked, and it is determined whether or not more information is needed before the final authorizing signature of the Town Treasurer is applied to any check.

If Town Meeting votes to buy, sell, or accept the donation of land, it is the selectmen who sign the deed. The Dorchester Board of Selectmen was authorized at the 2000 Town meeting to dispose of tax deed property by public auction or sealed bid. Thanks in part to new municipal tax software; Dorchester has been able to monitor tax deeded properties, moving them from non-revenue producing properties to tax-generating properties as quickly as is legally possible.

The Board of Selectmen is just that; a board working as a board. Any action taken by the Selectmen has no legal effect unless it is voted on by a majority of the Board at a public meeting. One Selectman has no authority!! The Dorchester Board of Selectmen subscribe to this policy whole heartedly, any member of the Board is available to the town's people as a resource to answer questions, and provide information. It is important for town's people to understand that no member of the Board has the authority to make any decision, outside of a public meeting in the presence of a majority of the Board.

The Dorchester Board of Selectmen, serve as the Health Officers, Emergency Management Directors, enforcing agents for other Boards, regulate the town roads (setting weight restrictions, speed limits etc.), manage and regulate town property, and taxation.

Yes, the dreaded word TAXATION. The Selectmen are responsible for assuring that all taxable property in Dorchester is inventoried and appraised, and that a warrant is issued to the tax collector for the collection of those taxes. We take this responsibility very seriously, as your tax rate depends on it. The Town has chosen to use two very effective ways of documenting this data, building permits and inventories. Building permits allow the Selectmen to see what changes in a property has occurred over the year which may effect its assessment. The inventories provide information as to the number of student attending the Mascoma Schools. The largest portion of your tax dollar goes to supporting the schools, the school tax is based 100% on average daily membership (ADM), so maintaining accurate local records is of paramount concern to all taxpayers. The inventory document also allows the town to keep accurate records of dogs residing in town. Lastly, to insure the equitable assessment of properties in Dorchester, we have chosen to hire a private assessing firm to complete "pick-ups" after April 1 of each year. The assessing firm of Commerford, Nieder and Perkins, has a working knowledge of Dorchester, having worked for the town for over 15 years. They use the documentation we have collected through the building permits and inventories and visit each property that has an assessable change. After completing the reassessments, they meet with the Board of Selectmen and present their recommendations, we then vote to accept or reject those recommendations.

In closing we wish to thank all the Town's people who stepped up to volunteer to represent Dorchester on the many service boards: Arthur Burdette, Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid ; Kimberly Tracey, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council; Joshua Trought, Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District, and Elizabeth "Betty" Trought, Mascoma Health Initiative.

Dorchester Board of Selectmen

John A. Cote **David A. Conkey**

John Albert Franz

Selectmen's Meetings

2006

Thursdays ~ 6:30 P.M.

January 12 ~ 27

February 9 ~ 23

March 9 ~ 23

April 6 ~ 20

May 4 ~ 18

June 1 ~ 15 ~ 29

July 13 ~ 27

August 10 ~ 24

September 7 ~ 21

October 5 ~ 19

November 2 ~ 16 ~ 30

December 14 ~ 28

The Board of Selectmen meets with the public at 7:00 P.M.

DORCHESTER TOWN OFFICERS - 2005

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Albert John Franz 2008 (C)
John A. Cote 2006
David A. Conkey 2007

MODERATOR

Henry L. Melanson 2006

TOWN TREASURER

Brian A. Howe 2006
Jennifer Grace, Deputy

TOWN CLERK

Brenda Howe 2006
Darlene Oaks, Deputy

TAX COLLECTOR

Brenda A. Howe 2006
Darlene Oaks, Deputy

ROAD AGENT

George C. Conkey, II 2008
Scott Blodgett, Highway Maintainer

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Claudette "Cookie" Hebert
Tomas Crowley

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jay Legg

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Alice E. Melanson (Jan. - June)
Linda M. Landry - 523-7119
Deputy: Patricia Franz

HEALTH OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

PERMIT OFFICER

John A. Cote

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Darlene Oaks 2007
Carol Towne 2008
Donna Abell 2006

AUDITORS

Martha L. Walker 2006
Elizabeth "Betty " Trought 2006

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Marilyn Pratt 2010
Elizabeth "Betty " Trought 2008
Darlene Oaks 2006
Karen Limoges 2006

PLANNING BOARD

David Morrill 2006(C)
Linda Landry 2006
Patricia Franz 2007
Michael Howe 2007
John A. Cote, Slc. Rep.
David DeVall, Alternate

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Morrill (C)
Brian Howe
Stuart Ross
Michael Landry
David A. Conkey, Slc. Rep
Claudette "Cookie" Hebert, Alternate

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

John Guarnieri 2008 Nancy Comeau 2006 Elizabeth "Betty " Trought 2007

Conservation Commission

Michael Landry 2007 Robert R. Estabrook 2006 George C. Conkey II 2008

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Patricia Franz (C) Robert Pon Darlene Oaks
Linda M. Landry Martha Walker

REPRESENTATIVE TO MASCOMA HEALTH INITIATIVE

Elizabeth "Betty " Trought

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Claudette "Cookie" Hebert 2008

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Kimberly Depelteau-Tracey 2006

REPRESENTATIVE TO UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Kimberly Depelteau-Tracey

REPRESENTATIVE TO PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Joshua Trought

REPRESENTATIVE TO LAKES REGION MUTUAL FIRE AID

Arthur Burdette

MEETING TIMES

Board of Selectmen:	Every other Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Phone: 786-9476
Town Clerk:	Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fourth Sat. 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Selectmen's Office. Phone 786-9476
Tax Collector:	Town Office Phone: 786-9076
Planning Board:	2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Office Phone 786-9476
Board of Adjustment:	As required. Selectmen's Office
Transfer Station:	Wednesday 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m (until 9/8) Wednesday 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m (after 9/8) Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Animal Control:	"Cookie" Hebert - 523-7803 Tomas Crowley - 523-7461
Notary Public:	Select. Meetings and upon request (523-7119) Free of charge to Dorchester Residents

TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2006, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, March 18, 2006.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, one hundred dollars ($3,100.00) for the following increases in the annual stipends for the Selectmen, Treasurer and Tax Collector as follows:

   Selectmen..... from $1,800.00.... to **$2,500.00**
   Treasurer..... from $1,000.00.... to **$1,500.00**
   Tax Collector..... from $1,500.00.... to **$2,000.00**

   Recommended by Selectmen

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, two hundred fifty dollars ($1,250.00) to provide an annual stipend of $250.00 (two hundred fifty dollars) for each of the five (5) members of the Dorchester Planning Board.

   Recommended by Selectmen

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, two hundred fifty dollars ($1,250.00) to provide an annual stipend of $250.00 (two hundred fifty dollars) for each of the five (5) members of the Dorchester Board of Adjustment.

   Recommended by Selectmen

5. To see if the voters will ratify the acceptance of a deed/easement to a 180' X 95' portion of land known as the "Cheever Cemetery" located on Old Cemetery Road, as donated to the town by Anne Codey, Evan Frazer and Elizabeth Cullen.

6. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify, as a Class A Trail, (as defined in RSA 231-A:1), a 2,800 foot portion of Province Road beginning at a point three quarters (3/4) of a mile east of New Hampshire Route 118 and continuing to the Dorchester-Groton town line. This portion of Province Road is presently a seasonal class V highway, where the town has a maintenance obligation in the summer only. However, the bridge was destroyed in the floods of June, 2005 and it is too expensive to rebuild.

7. To see if the Town vote "to change the status of Jackson Drive to become a Class V Road, thus providing year round maintenance, so that the Road Agent and other residents will be able equal (sic) services and benefits from the town for their tax dollars."

By Petition
Not Recommended by a majority of the Selectmen

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred eighty-one thousand, one hundred fifty-five dollars and fifty cents ($381,155.50), to defray Town charges. (This excludes the amounts in Articles 2, 3 and 4)

Recommended by Selectmen

9. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Albert John Franz, Chairman

John A. Cote

David A. Conkey
Dorchester Selectmen

DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	'05 APPRO.	'05 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2006 RECOMMENDED
2	Officers' Salaries	$20,000.00	$17,297.05		$2,702.95	$20,000.00
3	Officers' Expenses	$36,000.00	$51,702.83	-$15,702.83		$46,000.00
4	Election & Registration	$1,000.00	$522.68		$477.32	$1,000.00
5	Property Appraisal	$3,500.00	$4,195.36	-$695.36		$3,800.00
6	Legal	$4,500.00	$3,496.33		$1,003.67	$4,500.00
7	Land Use/Planning	$400.00	$806.00	-$406.00		$1,000.00
8	Town Buildings	$20,000.00	$19,778.87		$221.13	$25,000.00
9	Cemeteries	$1,200.00	$1,054.06		$145.94	$1,200.00
10	Insurance/CFNH	$21,000.00	$21,710.40	-$710.40		$37,000.00
11	Regional Associations	$650.00	$673.45	-$23.45		$700.00
12	Town Reports	$1,000.00	$991.04		$8.96	$1,000.00
13	Town Forester	$700.00	$181.00		$519.00	$500.00
14	Insurance Contingency	$1,000.00	$75.00		$925.00	$1,000.00
15	Tax Lien Properties	$2,300.00	$282.11		$2,017.89	$1,500.00
16	Abatements/Refunds	$3,000.00	$2,695.42		$304.58	$1,500.00
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18	PUBLIC SAFETY					
19	Police	$500.00	$65.50		$434.50	$300.00
20	Ambulance	$3,600.00	$3,605.00	-$5.00		$3,600.00
21	Fire Departments	$16,000.00	$14,645.70		$1,354.30	$13,000.00
22	Forest Fire Dept.	$500.00	$215.94		$284.06	$400.00
23	Communications/LFMFA	$3,000.00	$2,943.25		$56.75	$3,000.00
24	911 & Emergency Mgt.	$500.00	$0.00		$500.00	$250.00
25	Animal Control	$1,000.00	$608.68		$391.32	$800.00
26						

		'05 APPRO.	'05 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2006 RECOMMENDED
27						
28	CULTURE & RECREATION					
29	Canaan Library	$500.00	$500.00	----------	----------	$500.00
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31	SANITATION					
32	Solid Waste Disposal	$24,000.00	$23,825.80		$174.20	$24,000.00
33	PBSW & NHRRA Dues	$500.00	$510.43	-$10.43		$500.00
34						
35	HEALTH					
36	VT & NH Visiting Nurses	$1,500.00	$1,500.00	----------	----------	$1,500.00
37	Voices Against Violence	$386.00	$0.00		$386.00	$425.00
38	Sr. Citizens Council	$500.00	$500.00	----------	----------	$600.00
39	Health Officers	$200.00	$0.00		$200.00	$0.00
40	Mascoma Health Initiative	$0.00	$0.00			$280.50
41						
42	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE					
43	Direct Service	$2,710.00	$1,459.22		$1,250.78	$2,710.00
44	Director's Salary/Exp.	$1,200.00	$1,322.70	-$122.70		$1,200.00
45	West Central Services	$390.00	$0.00		$390.00	$390.00
46	Community Action	$700.00	$700.00	----------	----------	$1,000.00
47						
48	HIGHWAYS					
49	Town Maintenance	$155,400.00	$135,174.84		$20,225.16	$175,000.00
50	Highway Block Grant	$33,222.00	$33,222.00			$36,378.04
51						
52	DEBT SERVICE					
53	Interest on T.A.N.	$3,000.00	$2,883.52		$116.48	$6,000.00
54						
55	TOTALS	$332,336.00	$315,554.63		$16,781.37	$381,155.50

SOURCES OF REVENUES

SOURCE	'05 ESTIMATE	'05 ACTUAL	2006 ESTIMATE
TAXES			
Yield Taxes	$12,000.00	$12,188.74	$12,000.00
Interest & Penalties	$3,000.00	$4,302.99	$3,000.00
STATE OF NH			
Revenue Sharing	$11,000.00	$5,900.50	$5,000.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	$10,000.00	$13,559.00	$10,000.00
Highway Block Grant	$33,222.00	$33,222.00	$36,378.04
State Forest Land	$700.00	$727.00	$700.00
LICENSES & FEES			
Motor Vehicles	$42,000.00	$47,783.50	$45,000.00
Dog Licenses	$600.00	$720.25	$700.00
Permits & Filing Fees	$100.00	$173.00	$100.00
UCC Fees	$100.00	$60.00	$100.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Planning & Board of Adj.	$0.00	$292.00	
Insurance Div/Refunds	$0.00	$96.87	
Sale/Lease of Town Prop.	$100.00	$1,552.26	
Closure of Cemetery Acct		$382.50	
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste Capital Reserve		$1,425.56	
Interest on Deposits		$32.27	
Forest Fire Reimbursement		$102.16	
Reimb. Prop. Damage/Fines		$150.00	
Gifts/Donations		$195.00	
Pistol Per./ copies		$55.00	
Current Use Filing Fee		$60.00	
Dog Adoption		$175.00	
TOTAL	$112,822.00	$123,155.60	$112,978.04

DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes:

Current Year	$499,287.86
Interest	$465.90
Prior Years	$351,487.16
Interest	$3,837.09

Redeemed Taxes:

Current Year - Lien Amount	$0.00
Costs and Interest	$0.00
Prior Years - Lien Amount	$20,940.59
Costs and Interest	$3,334.08

Yield Taxes:

Current Year	$9,310.25
Prior Years	$4,612.27

State of NH:

Revenue Sharing	$5,900.50
Rooms & Meals Tax	$113,599.00
Highway Block Grant	$33,222.00
State Forest Land	$727.00

Tax Anticipation Loans	$472,883.52
Motor Vehicles Fees	$47,783.50
Dog Licenses & Penalties	$870.25
Title Fees & Copies	$182.00
U.C.C. Filings	$60.00
Municipal Agent's Fee	$1,232.50
Marriages	$45.00
Miscellaneous	$119.15
Forest Fire Training Reimbursement	$102.16
Pistol Permits	$55.00
Planning Board/Board of Adjustment	$292.00
Interest on Deposits	$19.31
Sale of Town Property	$1,552.26
Gifts/Donations	$195.00
Current Use Filing Fee	$60.00

Total Receipts for 2005	$1,500,994.31
Cash on hand January 1, 2005	$33,991.81
Cash Available for 2005	$1,534,986.12
Balance on hand, December 31, 2005	-$123,221.71

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

Net Land Values, 28,106.33 acres	$13,192,389.00
Tax Exempt Land, 249.84 acres	$483,200.00
Net Taxable Land Value	$12,709,189.00
Current Use Valuation, 26,284.56 acres	$1,528,189.00
Residential Land , 1,571.929 acres	$11,181,000.00
Buildings (All)	$17,255,900.00
Less Tax Exempt Buildings	$271,800.00
Net Taxable Buildings Valuation	$16,984,100.00
Public Utilities, NH Electric Co-op	$632,400.00
Total Evaluation Before Exemption	$30,325,689.00
Elderly Exemptions	$13,000.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed	**$30,312,689.00**

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	$30,312,689.00
Town Property Taxes Assessed	$664,692.00
Less War Service Credit	$5,425.00
Net Property Tax Commitment	$659,267.00
Tax Rate per $1,000	**$21.98**

Municipal....$8.03 County....$1.06 Local School.....$10.39
State Education..... $2.50

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land & Buildings	$311,391.00
Contents	$47,236.00
Selectmen's Office, Land & Buildings	$126,780.00
Contents	$16,253.00
Police Department Equipment	$100.00
Highway Department, Land & Buildings	$58,500.00
Equipment & Materials	$200,000.00
Historical Museum	$49,329.00
Contents	$16,025.00
Other Town Land	$111,800.00
Town Property (Tax Deed)	$312,600.00
Forest Fire Equipment	$2,000.00
TOTAL	**$1,252,014.00**

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2005

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand.....$2,661.81
Funds in custody of Treasurer.....$2,661.81
Unredeemed Taxes.....$10,399.38
Uncollected Taxes.....$161,857.82
Property Taxes.....$158,979.33
Yield Taxes.....$2,878.49
Total Asset.....:..... $174,919.01

LIABILITIES:

Accounts owed by the Town:
School Taxes Payable, January - June 2006.....$175,446.54
Tax Anticipation Notes.....$125,883.52
Total Liabilities.....$301,330.06

FUND BALANCE (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)...**-$126,411.05**

RECONCILIATION:

Fund Balance December 31, 2004.....-$103,161.54
Fund Balance December 31, 2005.....-$126,411.05
Change in Financial Condition..... -$23,279.51

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

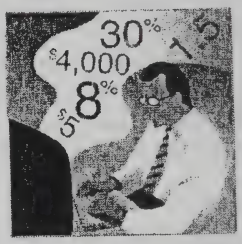
December 31, 2005

CASH ON HAND, January 1, 2005.....$33,991.81

Includes: Pemigewasset Checking.....$27,821.68
Tax Collector Receipts in Transit.....$0.00
Town Clerk Receipts in Transit... .....$6,170.13
Selectmen's Receipts in Transit. $0.00
TOTAL..... .....$33,991.81

RECEIVED FROM:

Tax Collector..... $910,273.63
Town Clerk.....$50,297.90
Selectmen..... $67,519.95
Tax Anticipation Loans.... $472,883.52
Interest.....$19.31
Capital Reserve Funds.....$0.00
TOTAL..... $1,500,994.31



TOTAL RECEIPT.....$1,500,994.31
TOTAL AVAILABLE..... .....$1,534,986.12

PAYMENTS BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN..... .....$1,532,324.31
CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2005..... $2,661.81

NORTHWAY BANK (Checking)..... .....$2,661.81
Tax Collector Receipts in Transit.... .....$0.00
Town Clerk Receipts in Transit..... .....$0.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND.....$2,661.81

OUTSTANDING TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES
Pemigewasset T.A.N. 2005..... .....$125,883.52

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2005.....**-$123,221.71**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BRIAN A. HOWE
TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Dorchester, N.H.
Year Ending 12-31-05

			Prior
Uncollected Taxes- Beginning Year: 2005			
Property Taxes			$373,224.88
Land Use Change			$0.00
Yield Taxes			$4,612.27
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	$660,694.47		$406.86
Yield Taxes	$14,898.79		
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	$23.14		$811.85
Yield Taxes	$0.00		$0.00
Interest	$465.90		$3,837.09
TOTAL DEBITS	**$676,894.15**		**$382,081.10**
Remitted to treasurer during FY:			
Property Taxes	$499,287.86		$351,487.16
Land Use Change	$0.00		$0.00
Yield Taxes	$9,310.25		$4,612.27
Interest/Costs	$465.90		$3,837.09
Conversion to Lien	$0.00		$17,234.68
Overpayment	$407.29		$0.00
Abatements Made			
Property Taxes	$2,427.28		$4,909.90
Yield Taxes	$2,710.05		
Uncollected Taxes, end of year:			
Property Taxes	$158,979.33		$0.00
Yield Taxes	$2,878.49		$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	**$676,894.15**		**$382,081**

Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Year	$12,628.36
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$18,711.61
Int. & Costs Collected after Lien Execution	$3,334.31
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	**$34,674.28**
Remittance to Treasurer:	
Redemptions	$20,940.59
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	$3,334.08
Unredeemed Liens Balance, End of Year	$10,399.38
TOTAL CREDITS	**$34,674.28**

Brenda A. Howe
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 2005

Cash on Hand 1/1/05.....$100.00

Car Registrations - 548.....$47,783.50
Title Fees + Copies.....$182.00
Dog Licenses - 103.....$720.25
Penalties.....$50.00
UCC Filings $60.00
Marriage Licenses.....$45.00
Misc. (Maps, Permits, Copies, Filing Fees).....$119.15
M.A.F.....$1,232.50

Total Remitted to Treasurer.....$50,192.40

Cash on Hand, December 31, 2005.....$100.00

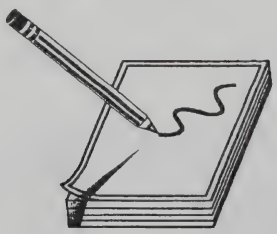
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Cemetery Trustees and the Trustees of Trust Funds, and find them correctly and properly vouched.

February 8, 2006

Auditors



Martha L. Walker

Elenna Tripp

2005 REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

This has been an interesting year as two of the Trustees, accompanied by interested land owners, Sandra Green and Patti Bailey, attended a State of NH conference devoted to the legal obligations related to cemeteries in New Hampshire. We all left with a "big" handbook. As a result we have begun to develop the required Town Rules and Regulations, a draft will be circulated in 2006 for finalization.

In addition, communication was completed regarding the Town's acquisition of the Cheever Cemetery which awaits only the final deed preparation by the Town's attorney.

Finally, with the assistance of Martha Walker, we walked the Town Cemetery on Rte. 118 and are preparing a new plot outline to more accurately reflect available lots.

We would also like to thank Martha Walker for assuring the care of our cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Trustees

DETAILED REPORT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES..... $17,297.05

Albert John Franz, Selectman (Chairman) $1,662.30
David A. Conkey, Selectman..... $1,662.30
John A. Cote, Selectman..... $1,662.30
John A. Cote, Permit Officer.....$694.48
Brian A. Howe, Treasurer $1,772.76
Jennifer Grace, Dep. Treasurer..... $55.40
Brenda Howe, ·Tax Collector..... $2,275.32
Darlene Oaks, Dep. Tax Collector $55.40
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk (Salary + Fees).....$2,871.03
Darlene Oaks, Dep. Town Clerk (Salary + Fees).. $1,683.68
Donna Abell, Trustee of Trust Funds..... $46.17
Darlene Oaks, Trustee of Trust Funds.....$46.17
Carol Towne, Trustee of Trust Funds.....$46.17
Martha L. Walker, Auditor..... $138.52
Cindy Azotea, Auditor..... $138.52
F.I.C.A.....$2,486.53

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES..... $51,702.83

AT & T.....$387.04
Auditors Expenses..... $4.65
Avitar Associates (computer software & support).... $10,607.00
The Cardigan (notices).....$24.00
Dell Government Lease (Computer)..... $1,438.63
Nick Jacobs (copier repair & service)..... $435.00
Legal Books & Publications.....$686.45
Secretary/Bookkeeper (Linda Landry)..... $14,067.04
F.I.C.A.....$2,542.86
Withholding.....$1,300.00
Permit Officer's Expenses.....$489.58
Postage.....$629.00
Real Estate Transfers (Deeds).....$623.30
Selectmen's Expenses
Copier/Mileage/Postage/Supplies.....$7,705.06
Staples (supplies)..... $4,272.04
State of N.H. (permits)..... $50.00
Sunapee Business Systems..... $44.07
Tax Collector's Expenses..... $4,042.89
Town Clerk's Expenses.....$735.20
The Tree House (computer supplies)..... $126.40
Town of Wentworth (perambulation paint).....$51.68
True Color Print and Design (printing).....$14.30
Verizon..... $1,108.64
Workshops/Seminars..... $318.00

REGISTRATION & ELECTION.....$522.68

The Cardigan (notices).....$48.00
Alice Melanson, Ballot Clerk.....$52.50
Henry Melanson, Moderator.....$60.61
Darlene Oaks, Supervisor of Checklist.....$99.11
Delbert Pratt, Ballot Clerk.....$52.50
Marilyn Pratt, Supervisor of Checklist.....$63.03
Betty Ann Trought, Supervisor of Checklist.....$55.76
F.I.C.A.....$91.17

PROPERTY APPRAISAL.....$4,195.36

Avitar Associates (software support).....$127.00
Commerford, Nieder, Perkins, LLC.....$720.00
Dollard Associates (Tax Maps).....$2,175.00
David A. Morrill.....$688.46
Trustees of the Trust Funds (repayment).....$352.44
F.I.C.A.....$132.46

LEGAL EXPENSES.....$3,496.33

Mitchell & Bates, PA.....$3,496.33

LAND USE BOARDS.....$806.00

The Cardigan (notices).....$76.00
The Pennysaver (notices).....$99.00
Salmon Press (notices).....$65.00
Subdivision Expenses.....$28.35
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council.....$370.65
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council (Books).....$52.00
Workshops.....$115.00

TOWN BUILDINGS.....$19,778.87

A.M. Rand Co.....$259.64
Belletetes (Ashland Lumber).....$138.37
Bradford/Pratt's Co. (Town Hall).....$5,972.01
Canaan Hardware.....$124.20
Daniel Conkey.....$18.47
Jeanne Conkey (Custodian).....$1,425.89
DAYCO (Town Hall Insulation).....$1,972.00
Albert John Franz (materials).....$60.00
Lee Hennessy Plumbing.....$3,420.45
Matthew Howe.....$147.76
K & R. Portable Toilets.....$2,040.00
Michael Landry.....$40.00
N.H. Electric Co-op.....$858.74
Small Engine Technology (lawn mower).....$681.25
Tri-State Fire Protection (fire extinguishers).....$94.49
Verizon (Town Hall).....$435.95
Gary Whitney.....$184.70
Yeaton Oil Co. (Town Office).....$1,531.64
F.I.C.A.....$373.31

CEMETERIES **$1,054.06**

Delores Haskell $360.16
Martha Walker $549.77
F.I.C.A. $144.13

INSURANCE **$21,710.40**

Local Government Center (Workers' Comp.) $2,833.52
Local Government Center (Prop./Liab. Insurance) ... $3,952.36
HealthTrust (Health) $14,857.52
Primex - Compensation Funds (Unemployment) $67.00

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS **$673.45**

N.H. Assessing Officials' Dues $20.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks' Dues $20.00
N.H. Health Officers' Dues $10.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc. Dues $533.45
N.H. Public Works Mutual Aid $50.00
N.H. Tax Collectors' Dues $20.00
Dorchester Old Home Days (refund) $20.00

TOWN REPORTS OF 2004 ..... **$991.04**

Fred B. Estabrook Printing $989.84
True Color Print & Design $1.20

TOWN FORESTER **$180.00**

All Seasons Forestry (Brenda Brown) $180.00

INSURANCE CONTINGENCY **$75.00**

George C. Conkey II (deductible) $75.00

TAX LIEN PROPERTIES **$282.11**

ABATEMENTS & REFUNDS **$2,695.42**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police **$65.50**

Grafton County Sheriffs' Department $65.50

Ambulance **$3,605.00**

Canaan F.A.S.T. $3,605.00

Fire Protection **$14,645.70**

Town of Rumney $5,784.87
Rumney Fire Department $296.00
Canaan Fire Department 2004 ..... $4,288.08
Canaan Fire Department 2005 ..... $2,892.43

Communications **$2,943.25**

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid $2,943.25

Forest Fire Dept. $215.94
John Jay Legg, Warden $54.03
George C. Conkey II, Deputy Warden..... $52.30
Michael Joyce, Deputy Warden..... $37.33
John Reitsma, Deputy Warden..... $49.01
F.I.C.A..... $23.27
E911 & Emergency Management $0.00
Animal Control..... $608.68
Claudette Hebert, Animal Control Officer..... $204.06
Claudette Hebert (Boarding)..... $70.00
F.I.C.A..... $26.16
I.D.S. (License Tags)..... $70.96
State of N.H. (Animal Population Control).....$237.50

CULTURE & RECREATION..... $500.00
Canaan Town Library..... $500.00

SANITATION..... $24,336.23
Town of Rumney, Transfer Station.....$23,725.80
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District (dues)..... $510.43
Plymouth Village Water & Sewage District..... $100.00

HEALTH..... $2,000.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.....$500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vt & NH..... $1,500.00

WELFARE..... $3,481.92
General Assistance..... $1,459.22
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director (Jan. - June).....$554.10
Linda M. Landry, Welfare Director (July - Dec.) $554.10
Patricia E. Franz, Deputy, Welfare Director..... $27.70
Workshops & Seminars..... $70.00
Software..... $25.00
Tri-County Community Action Program..... $700.00
F.I.C.A..... $91.80

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES..... $168,396.84
Payroll.....$48,572.41
F.I.C.A..... $3,814.95
N.H. Retirement..... $4,443.59
Town Maintenance..... $111,565.89
Includes: Highway Block Grant $33,222.00

GRAFTON COUNTY TAX..... $33,785.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE..... $46.00
Treasurer, State of N.H..... $46.00

MASCOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT..... $456,309.95

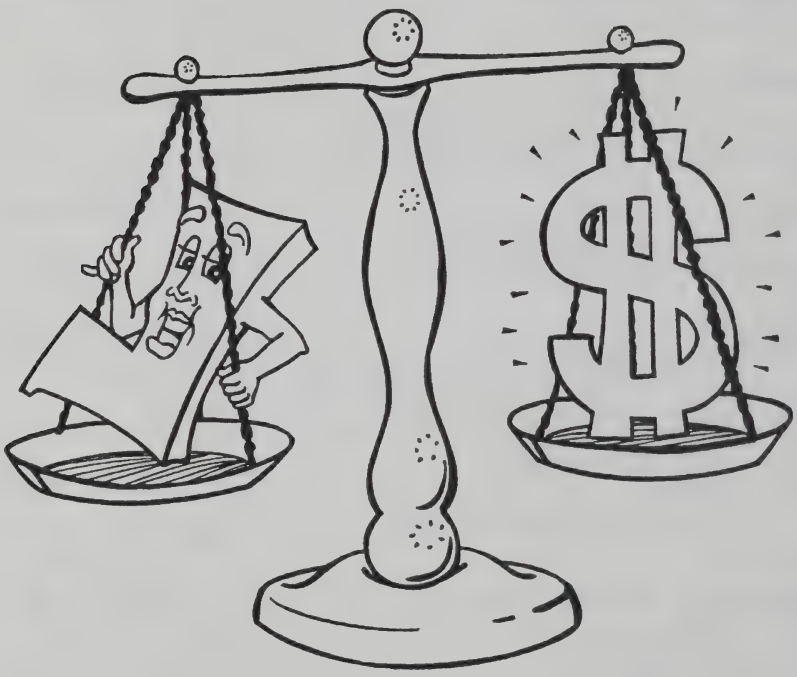
DEBT SERVICE.....$2,883.52

Tax Anticipation Loan Interest..... $2,883.52

TAX LIENS EXPENSES.....$731.95

TAXES BOUGHT BY THE TOWN.....$18,711.61

PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES..... $866,599.93



Receipts January 1, 2005 thru December 31, 2005..... $1,500,994.31
Cash On Hand, January 1, 2005..... .....$33,991.81
Total Available..... $1,534,986.12
Disbursements, January 1, 2005 thru December 31, 2005..... $1,532,324.31
General Fund..... .....$2,661.81
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2005.....$2,661.81

2005 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION

PAYROLL..... $48,572.41

George C. Conkey II, Road Agent $22,603.58
Scott Blodgett, Highway Maintainer.....$16,143.92
F.I.C.A.& Withholding.....$7,539.90
N.H. Retirement..... $1,129.05
Daniel Conkey.....$140.38
David Conkey..... $22.16
John Cote.....$199.48
Gary Whitney.....$295.52
David Yetman.....$598.42

NH RETIREMENT & F.I.C.A..... $8,258.54

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE.....$8,421.93

A.M. Rand Company.....$333.52
B-B Chain Co.....$46.95
Bailey Brothers.....$9.41
Canaan Hardware..... $233.67
The Cardigan (notices)..... $76.00
George C. Conkey II (mileage).....$750.00
John Cote (expenses).....$64.00
Electricity/Phone.....$1,529.48
Howard P. Fairfield Co.....$1.64
Haskell's Work Clothes (safety shoes).....$205.00
Michael Howe.....$220.39
Kibby Equipment..... $555.22
Lakes Region Two-Way (radios).....$274.80
N.H. Good Roads Association.....$76.00
Pennysaver..... $71.50
Sabil & Sons.....$150.06
Shaker Valley Auto Parts.....$5.41
Small Engine Technology.....$33.00
UniFirst (Uniforms)..... $2,016.80
Wilson Tire.....$41.00
Wise Guy's Automotive.....$1,383.76
Worksafe (signs).....$139.32
Workshops/Seminars.....$205.00

FUEL.....$8,987.84

Bradford Pratt's Co.....$7,243.76
Ryezak's One Stop..... $1,273.20
Shortt's Garage.....$470.88

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSES.....$7,697.19

B-B Chain Co..... $201.60
Belletetes..... $23.51
Howard P. Fairfield Co.....$623.06
Michael Howe.....$1,888.07
Kibby Equipment..... $307.80
Liberty International.....$2,185.96
Monroe Repairs.....$1,690.01
Rochester Truck Repair.....$88.97
Sabil & Sons..... $85.94
Sanel Auto Parts.....$10.35
Wilson Tire.....$440.00
Wise Guy's Automotive..... $151.92

FORD 550 TRUCK EXPENSES..... $18,311.85

Belletetes..... $33.98
Kevin Bolash Welding..... $848.00
Canaan Hardware.....$6.68
Howard P. Fairfield Co.....$681.06
Flanders & Patch..... $499.12
Ford Motor Credit.....$12,946.78
Grappone Co.....$470.92
Irwin Zone.....$587.01
Kibby Equip..... $307.81
Monroe Repairs..... $145.50
Pemi Glass Co.....$650.00
Rochester Truck Repair.....$765.81
Sabil & Sons.....$46.37
Wilson Tire..... $268.28
Wise Guy's Automotive..... $54.53

FORD RANGER..... $6,904.83

George C. Conkey II (tires)..... $400.00
Dyer's Welding..... $650.00
Ford Motor Credit.....$4,995.50
Irwin Zone..... $88.95
Lakes Region Two Way (radios)..... $212.40
Monroe's Repairs.....$48.00
Sabil & Sons..... $354.12
Venture Printing.....$140.00
Wise Guy's Automotive.....$15.86

LOADER BACKHOES..... $17,405.01

Kevin Bolash Welding..... $340.00
Canaan Hardware..... $7.98
Caterpillar Financial Service..... $12,169.35
Jordan Equipment..... $322.68
Southworth Milton $4,439.87
Town Line Equipment..... $125.13

OTHER EQUIPMENT..... $14,554.70

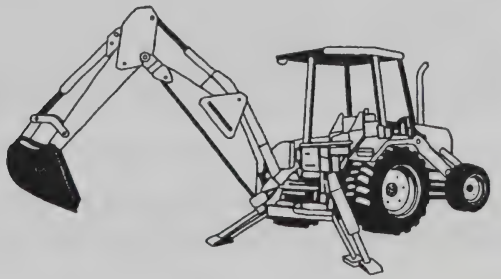
A.M. Rand Co..... $59.95
Kevin Bolash Welding..... $120.00
Canaan Hardware..... $13.22
Michael Howe..... $3,235.15
Kibby Equipment..... $347.75
Lakes Region Two-Way (radios)..... $44.95
MB Tractor & Equipment..... $2,900.00
Merriam-Graves Corp..... $125.06
Merrill Radiator..... $837.47
NAPA Auto Parts..... $664.03
Richard Remacle Construction (grader rental)..... $5,925.00
Sabil & Sons..... $59.12
Small Engine Technology..... $48.00
Taylor Rental (roller)..... $175.00

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS..... $29,022.54

A.M. Rand Co..... $113.94
Cargill Inc (salt)..... $5,094.98
Dorchester Sand & Stone..... $12,696.00
Ferguson (culvert)..... $2,792.03
I-93 Asphalt..... $1,310.19
Melanson, Henry (mulch hay)..... $256.50
Pike Industries Inc..... $3,415.93
Richard Remacle Construction..... $98.00
Warren Sand and Gravel..... $2,604.50
Yeaton Agway Services..... $640.47

SUB-CONTRACTORS..... $260.00

Kevin Bolash Welding..... $260.00



2005 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

PAYROLL	$48,572.41
N.H. RETIREMENT & F.I.C.A.	$8,258.54
GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	$8,421.93
FUEL	$8,987.84
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSES	$7,697.19
FORD 550 TRUCK EXPENSES	$18,311.85
FORD RANGER	$6,904.83
LOADERS	$17,405.01
OTHER EQUIPMENT	$14,554.70
MAINTENANCE MATERIALS	$29,022.54
SUB-CONTRACTORS	$260.00

TOTAL..... $168,396.84

Highway Maintainer, Scott Blodgett standing in the center of Province Road after the June 2005 floods

Road Agent's Report

During 2005, the Dorchester Highway Department has been extremely busy with a variety of projects, both planned and unexpected. Dorchester's Highway Department consists of two full-time employees; the elected Road Agent and Highway Maintainer, Scott Blodgett. The Town Highway Department remains one of the few town supported services over which you, the taxpayer, have control. Our service to the town extends far beyond the approximate 30 miles of roads it maintains. As Dorchester is a "bedroom" community, the highway department is often the first contacted in cases of emergency, and serves as an immediate source of information. We continue to be involved with most projects undertaken by the Town of Dorchester.

The weather this year has been strange, even for Dorchester. An extremely wet spring and summer has taken its toll on Dorchester's roads. Snow we can plow, but water and wind are more difficult to deal with. There isn't much than can be done until after the weather event is over and the damage has already been done.

Just such an event occurred on June 10, 2005. A sudden and violent thunderstorm followed by a torrential rainstorm, destroyed the Province Road Bridge and road from the gate to the Groton Town Line. It is amazing what the power of water can achieve. What was once a passable gravel road was instantly turned into what more closely resembled a riverbed than a roadway. Roads we can put back together again, bridges we cannot. The Province Road remains closed.

This fall the highway department leased a roadside mower

and completed the mowing of all roadsides in town, this was a job previously subcontracted out.

Plans for 2006 include, the sealing of several pieces of roadway in town, several culvert replacements, ditching and gravel road maintenance.

In closing the Dorchester Highway Department is here for you, the people of Dorchester. If you require anything regarding town roads, please call the Highway Garage and leave a message (786-2385); we will return your call as soon as we are able.

Respectfully submitted
George C. Conkey II
Road Agent

Province Road
June 10, 2005

Dorchester Planning Board 2005

The Dorchester Planning Board has been extremely active this year. We have continued to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Selectmen's Office, with several "work sessions" scheduled when necessary.

The Planning Board has facilitated one minor subdivision and is working with a landowner on a major subdivision of five (5) lots. This subdivision should be ready for the Public Hearing phase early in 2006. Boundary Adjustments have continued to be a quick and effective way for neighbors (abutting land owners) to increase the size of their lots without the complications of a subdivision. Although, the process is less costly than a formal subdivision it does require updated surveys showing accurate metes and bounds. A deed restriction is also required; merging the two parcels into one and will from then on be considered as one and cannot be subdivided without making proper application.

Late in 2005. the Planning Board became aware of the implications of R.S.A. 236:13 regarding driveway construction and maintenance. Under this R.S.A., the Planning Board has the jurisdiction over the adequacy and safety of every new or existing driveway entrance, exit and approach to a town road. Having no standards in place, the Planning Board, with the help of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Planning Commission, obtained samples of Driveway Regulations from towns similar in size and geographical make-up as Dorchester. Early in November, after countless hours of work and numerous revisions, the Dorchester Planning Board held a Public Hearing on the proposed Driveway Regulations for the town of Dorchester, after which the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Driveway Regulations effective November 10, 2005. We encourage all residents to become familiar with Dorchester's Driveway Regulations as they regulate not only new driveway construction but also the maintenance and adequacy of existing driveways.

Finally, David Morrill, chairman and long time member of the Dorchester Planning Board announced his intentions not to run

for another 3 year term. David has been instrumental in the success of the Dorchester Planning Board, bringing his expertise in assessing and land use regulations to the Planning Board. Thank you, David

In closing, the goal of the Dorchester Planning Board remains to assist landowners in the development of their land while maintaining the rural integrity of the Town of Dorchester. Do not hesitate to contact any member of the Planning Board or Board of Selectmen should you have any questions regarding subdivision, land use or driveway regulations.

Town of Dorchester
DRIVEWAY REGULATIONS

Section I: AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Dorchester Planning Board by the legislative body of Dorchester, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 674:35 and 236:13 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, the Dorchester Planning Board adopts the following regulations governing all driveway construction and driveway access to town roads. State regulations apply to driveway access onto state roads. These regulations are designed to accomplish the purposes of protecting the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the citizens.

Section II: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Anyone desiring to construct, alter, repair, or relocate a driveway in order to obtain access to an existing or proposed street or roadway, shall first apply for and obtain a permit from the Planning Board or its authorized representatives.

Section III: DEFINITIONS

The definitions contained in the Dorchester Subdivision Regulations shall apply, in addition to the following:

Access: A way or means of approach to provide physical entrance to a property.

Construction: For the purposes of this regulation, means not only the construction of a new driveway, but also any improvements to or alterations of an existing driveway.

Driveway: Any improved or unimproved area serving as an area of access, entrance, exit, or approach from any street to any parcel of land, regardless of public or private ownership.

Street/Roadway: Any existing Class V & VI highways/town roads and highways proposed or created as part of a subdivision.

Town Maintained Highway Right-Of-Way:

Street/Roadway:

Any existing Class V & VI highways/town roads and highways proposed or created as part of a subdivision.hat portion of the highway right-of-way which the town maintains for the purposes of drainage, mowing, and the placement of snow removed from said highway.

Section IV: DRIVEWAY STANDARDS

(a). No more than two (2) driveway entrances shall be constructed from any one street to any one property unless frontage along that street exceeds 500 feet. When frontage exceeds 500 feet, no more than three (3) driveway entrances shall be constructed from any one street.

(b). Driveways should intersect the road at an angle of 90 degrees and shall not be less than 45 degrees to the road.

(c). For the purposes of snow removal, general maintenance, and protection of abutters, no driveway, including the area to which snow will be removed, shall be constructed closer than 10 feet from abutting property lines, except when a shared driveway is deemed necessary by the Planning Board for safe access to adjacent lots in a subdivision.

(d). No driveway shall be constructed unless sufficient area is provided for the piling of snow off the town maintained highway right-of-way on the driveway side of the street.

(e). No driveway shall be constructed in an area that there less than a 150 foot clear line of sight 4 feet above the surface of the road to the entrance of the driveway. If no location exists within the frontage of an existing lot of record which allows said site distance from both directions, a single driveway shall be allowed so as to provide the greatest possible site distance from each direction.

(f). No driveway shall be constructed within 50 feet of any intersection of two or more roads and then only if the 150 foot clean line of sight can be maintained from each intersecting road in accordance with the requirement of **IV(e) above.**

(g). The traveled way of a driveway shall be a minimum width of 12 feet with a sufficient flare at the roadside to allow the safe entrance of emergency vehicles.

(h). Driveways will be constructed in a manner that drains all run off water away from the road. The grade of the driveway away from the roadway surface shall be constructed to slope away from the surface for a distance equivalent to the existing ditch line; water cannot go onto the road. This slope shall be a minimum of one-quarter inch per foot.

(I). The driveway shall not interfere with the drainage of the town road. Where necessary, culverts, water bars, ditches and other drainage structures shall be installed to insure adequate drainage of the road and to prevent excessive drainage from the driveway onto the road.

(j). Culverts shall be at least 15 inches in diameter and 30 feet in length, and larger if considered necessary by the Town Road Agent or the reviewing engineer. A minimum of 12 inches of fill shall be placed over the culvert. The drainage ditch shall be 6 inches below the outlet end of the culvert and drop at least one-quarter inch per foot to the nearest point of drainage relief.

(k). Any proposed driveways in a Historic District will be reviewed by the Historic District Commission. A copy of the Commission's findings will be submitted with the permit application and their recommendations will be satisfied at the completion of the driveway.

(l). All proposed driveway sites will be reviewed by the Town Road Agent or Engineer and all recommendations will be written on the permit and performed to the Road Agent's satisfaction upon completion of the driveway.

(m). The standards of this regulation shall be applicable, at the landowners expense, to all driveways accessing any private road accepted by the Town as a Class V highway. All portions of the driveways located within the right-of-way of the newly accepted highway shall be upgraded to these standards by the Highway Agent and the costs billed as a special assessment to each landowner. Driveways which do not meet the site distance and setback requirements shall be brought into compliance by the landowner within a time period established by the Planning Board

Section V: PERMIT AND PENALTY

Any driveway constructed in Dorchester, whether temporary or permanent, will have an approved driveway permit. If any driveway is constructed without a permit, a civil penalty, not to exceed one hundred dollars per day pursuant to the provisions RSA 676:17(b), will be assessed until the proper permit is issued or the driveway is removed. If a driveway is constructed without a permit and deemed a hazard to safety or a drainage problem by the Road Agent, said driveway will be removed immediately by the Town at the land owner's expense.

Section VI: AMENDMENTS

These regulations may be amended or rescinded by the Planning Board but only following a public hearing on the proposed change. The Chairman or Secretary of the Board shall record any changes so authorized at the Registry of Deeds of Grafton County. Certified copies signed by a majority of the Board members shall be filed with the Town Clerk and Selectmen.

Section VII: EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these regulations shall be November 10, 2005. These Driveway Regulations were adopted by the Dorchester Planning Board on November 9, 2005 at the conclusion of a duly noticed public hearing.

Dorchester Planning Board 2006

2nd Wednesdays 7:00 P.M. Town Office

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 12

November 8

December 13

2005 REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERY TRUSTS

Lucy Hazen & Sanborn Kimball Fund

Balance, 12/31/04.....$294.77
Interest 2005.....$2.96
Balance, 12/31/05.....$297.73

Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance, 12/31/04.....$900.84
Interest 2005.....$9.04
Balance, 12/31/05.....$909.88

Paul Hutchinson Fund

Balance, 12/31/04.....$1,500.48
Interest 2005.....$15.07
Balance, 12/31/05.....$1,515.55

J. C. Davenport Fund

Balance, 12/31/04.....$215.31
Interest 2005.....$2.16
Balance, 12/31/05.....$217.47

Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance, 12/31/04.....$377.63
Interest 2005.....$3.80
Balance, 12/31/05.....$381.43

Town Cemetery Fund

Balance, 12/31/04.....$2,372.42
Interest 2005.....$23.82
Balance, 12/31/05.....$2,396.24

All Cemeteries Fund (created In 2003)

Balance, 12/31/04.....$2,216.74
New Funds.....$0.00
Interest 2005.....$22.27
Balance, 12/31/05.....$2,239.01

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Town Building Fund

Balance, 12/31/04	$6,762.70
New Funds 2005	$0.00
Expended 2005	$0.00
Interest 2005	$67.93
Balance, 12/31/05	$6830.63

Highway Equipment & Maintenance Fund

Balance, 12/31/04	$5,476.52
New Funds 2005	$0.00
Expended 2005	$0.00
Interest 2005	$120.79
Balance, 12/31/05	$5,597.31

Bridges Fund

Balance, 12/31/04	$494.84
New Funds 2005	$0.00
Expended 2005	$30,000.00
Interest 2005	$3.76
Balance, 12/31/05	$498.60

Property Revaluation Fund

Balance, 12/31/04	$21.33
New Funds 2005	$352.44
Expended 2005	$0.00
Interest/Income 2005	$2.31
Balance, 12/31/05	$376.08

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene Oaks
Carol Towne
Donna Abell
Trustees of Trust Funds

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

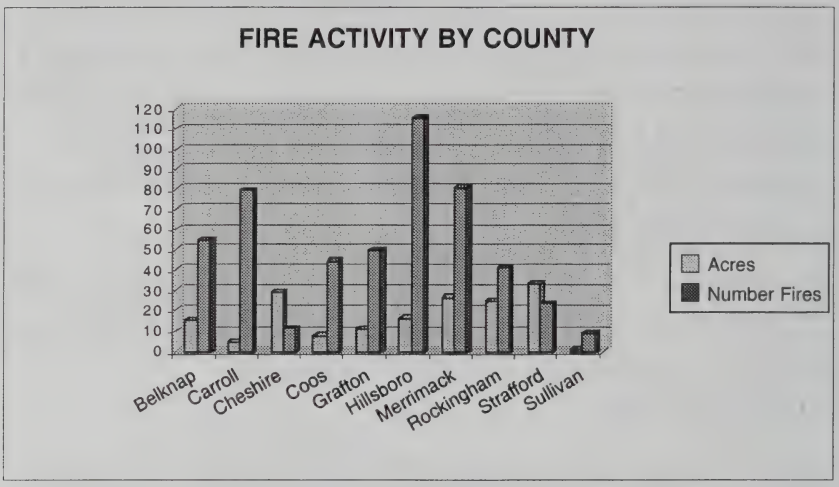
Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ANY** outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at **1-800-498-6868** or **www.des.state.nh.us** for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands **(603) 271-2217**, or online at **www.nhdfl.org**.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our state wide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available a **www.fire wise.org**. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

2005 STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 4, 2005)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	2
Campfire	34
Children	29
Smoking	40
Debris	284
Railroad	1
Equipment	7
Lightning	5
Misc.*	111

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2005	513	174
2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187

Stephen M. Kessler, Forest Ranger
Jay Legg, Forest Fire Warden

2005

Dorchester Historic District Commission

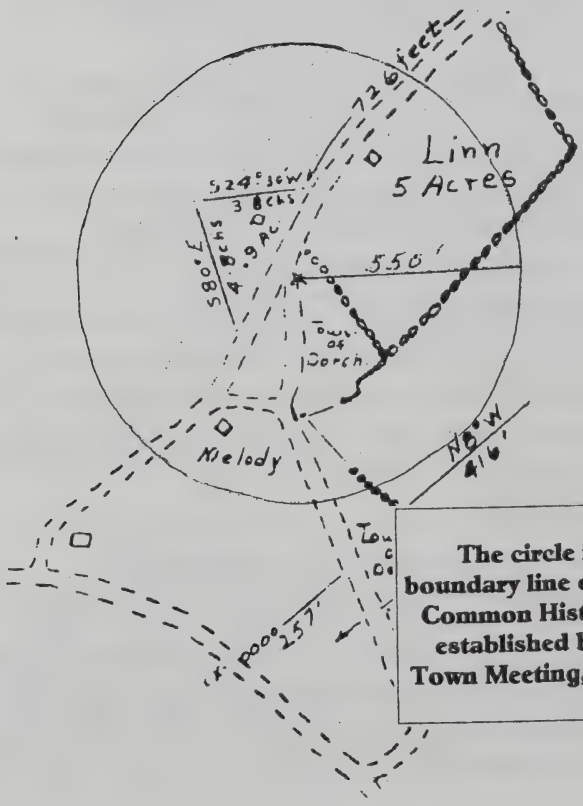
The Dorchester Historic District Commission met several times during the past year to act on requests made by landowners within the District regarding building projects. First, on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, a meeting was called to view trees marked for cutting on the lot owned by Sherman and Lynda Hallock, in preparation for a building project on that lot. A preliminary plan was shown to the members at this time. The members of the Commission voted to approve the cutting of the trees "by a licensed tree surgeon, license to be matter of record obtained and approved by the Town Permit Officer." The members of the Commission then viewed the immediate area, including the stone wall which Mr. Hallock assured the Commission would be repaired if it were disturbed.

The Commission then met again on August 22, 2005 to discuss questions about a circular drive on the Hallock property which had been discontinued many years ago but which had recently been installed on the property without a permit for the purpose of artesian well work; it was recommended that the Selectboard be informed that the new driveway was an inappropriate placement, that the culvert put in place for its use be removed, and that the area be restored to its prior condition. The need for a building permit was also recommended for the new building plans presented by the Hallocks to the Commission. Finally, new officers were elected: Pat Franz as Chairman of the Commission and Bob Pon as Vice Chairman.

During a third meeting, held on September 6, 2005, members discussed and accepted the new house plans for a "cape with attached breezeway and garage" which were presented. There was also further discussion about the new driveway, which the Selectmen had advised the Hallocks to remove by October 31, 2005 and which the Hallocks had stated had proven unusable.

Finally, informal discussions took place during this past year regarding the possibility of allowing the Veterans group to erect a monument somewhere on the Town Common area in the Historic District. As there were no formal plans as of December 2005, further discussion on this topic was expected to take place in the near future. The Commission welcomes citizen input regarding the preservation of the Dorchester Historic District. More activity on the part of the Commission is to be expected in light of the proposed subdivision within the District, to be acted upon early in 2006.

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Franz
Chairman
Dorchester Historic District Commission



The circle indicates the boundary line of the Dorchester Common Historic District, as established by a vote of the Town Meeting, of March, 1981.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Serving Coos, Carroll & Grafton Counties
30 Exchange Street, Berlin, N.H. 03570
1-800-552-4617
FAX No. 752-7607

CAP Community Contact Office
258 Highland Street
Plymouth, NH 03264

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, not-for-profit agency. The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2004-2005

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF DORCHESTER HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF $29,013.96 BETWEEN JULY 1, 2004 AND JUNE 30, 2005, THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE.

FUEL ASSISTANCE Includes 2 Emergencies	25	$15,942.93
WEATHERIZATION	1	$2,236.00
HOMELESS FUND (Rental, energy assistance)	9	$3,651.26
STATE-WIDE ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	21	$7,183.77

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities. We are depending upon funding from your town and others countywide, to enable to continue our services.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Dorchester's past support and look forward to our continuing partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

Sylvia G. Kinne
Plymouth Community Contct Manager

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Service
Report to the Town of Dorchester

Your Visiting Nurse Alliance & Hospice is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net -- with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The town's support continues to be crucial for patients. Surrounded by memories, familiar furnishings, and family photographs, people almost always wish to confront the issues of illness, accident or aging, and dying in the comfort of their homes.

Town funding ensures that the following medically necessary and supportive services are provided to all citizens, including the uninsured and under-insured:

* Skilled clinical care and support during times of injury, short-term or chronic illness, or recovery from surgery or accidents. The most common conditions under our care are congestive heart failure, emphysema, diabetes, vascular disease, muscle disorders, and joint replacement.

* Nursing and physician care for pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Also addresses the psychosocial, emotional, spiritual, and financial concerns for patients, their families and their caregivers.

* Assistance to young families at risk. We help fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents and care for newborns and children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.

* Community wellness clinics including blood pressure, foot care, and flu vaccines

The Visiting Nurse Alliance provided the following services this past year:

Visits *(July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005)*

HOME CARE

Patients served.....7
***Home visits.....685**

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Families served..... 2
Individuals served.....7
Home Visits.....13
Direct service hours.....25

NUTRITION/FOOD PROGRAMS

CSFP clients.....1

***Includes Nursing Care, Physical, occupational and ... Speech Therapy, Medical Social Workers, Home Health Aides, Personal Care or Homemaker Services**

VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

P.O. Box 53
Plymouth, N.H. 03264
Crises Line (603) 536-1659
Office: (603) 536-3423

From July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE served 325 victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, as well as provided countless hours of education and support around these issues to other individuals and organizations in your town. Direct services included crisis counseling through our 24-hour hotline; support groups for domestic and sexual violence victims; hospital, police and court accompaniment; restraining order assistance; referrals to agencies for housing and food assistance; assisting with educational and employment opportunities; and much more. Our staff also conducted workshops for students and faculty in the Newfound School District on topics such as bullying prevention, healthy relationships and boundaries, how to help a friend in an abusive situation, and teen dating violence. We are also working with law enforcement, clergy and medical providers in your area to create a unified community response to domestic and sexual violence, and will be placing a great deal of effort in our prevention activities that will hopefully alleviate long-term burdens on the town that result from family violence.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Olmstead
Executive Director

MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE

working to improve the health & well-being of the people in the Mascoma Valley....

The Mascoma Valley Health Initiative (MVHI) is a nonprofit public health entity representing the five towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton and Orange. Our mission is to maintain and improve the health and well being of these five communities through public health programs and education. We were established in 2001 with a Robert Wood Johnson grant under the Turning Point Initiative. A present, we are receiving funding from Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital (APD) and the federal government. The focus of the federal monies we receive is on regional emergency planning, which limits our resources to continue with local community health programs. As we look to the future, our desire is to work more collaboratively wit our municipalities and to continue diversifying our funding sources.

In partnering with APD, we implemented the "Upper Valley Smiles" dental health program in the two elementary schools. Last year, greater than 60% of the total school populations participated in this program. In 2004, MVHI was chosen to be the pilot site for a statewide youth suicide prevention project entitled Frameworks. By the end of 2005, over 100 local professionals and community members will have received this important training. We are currently working with the state of New Hampshire to create Emergency Services Directories which will help to inform our community of existing public health and emergency services locally and within the greater Upper Valley. Our quarterly newsletter, which is delivered to all households in the Mascoma Valley, total of 2,138, includes seasonal health and safety tips, along with information about our organization, current programs and upcoming events.

As we continue to fulfill our mission and expand our programming, we are vested in developing a more active partnership with the town of Dorchester. It is our desire to adequately address the needs of your community, and we strongly believe that the addition of a Selectman from Dorchester would help make this possible.

Lori Dacier, MPH
Executive Director
~P.O. Box 102, Canaan, NH 03741 ~
~ Tel: (603) 523-7100 ~ **www.MVHI.org** ~ FAX: (603) 523-7113

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County

P.O. Box 433

Lebanon, NH 03766-0433

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and North Woodstock, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2005, **18** older residents of Dorchester were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

* Older adults from Dorchester enjoyed **267** balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.

* They received **16** hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.

* They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through **36** visits by a trained social worker.

* Dorchester's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through **350** hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Dorchester residents in 2005 was **$4,318.30.**

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Dorchester's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

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P.O. Box 210
Canaan, NH 03741
523-4333

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
P.O. Box 478
Plymouth, NH 03264
536-1204

2005
Report of UNH Cooperative Extension Grafton County Office

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UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Funded through the federal, state and county governments, and competitive grants, educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council.

Education programs and assistance are objective, informal and practical in nature; most are at no direct cost for participants. Clients' needs are met through phone calls, letters and printed materials, hands-on workshops, on-site visits, seminars and conferences, and up-to[date web sites. Our staff is able to respond quickly with needed information via electronic mail, keeps up-to-date on the latest research and information, and works collaboratively wit many agencies and organizations.

A professional staff of five educators and one specialist work out of the Extension Office located in the Grafton County Administrative Offices in North Haverhill. Two additional staff members work in Plymouth and Littleton to provide educational programs for limited-resource families. Additional support is provided through trained volunteers who assist with Extension programs and increase our outreach capabilities.

Educational Programs in Grafton County, FY05:

* **To Strengthen NH's Communities:**
  Community Conservation Assistance Program; Preserving Rural Character through Agriculture; Urban and Community Forestry; Community Youth Development; Volunteer Training (Master Gardeners, Coverts Cooperators, Community Tree Stewards, 4-H Leaders); Community Profiles.

* **To Strengthen NH's Family and Youth:**
  After-School Programs; Family Resource Management; 4-H/Youth Development: Family Lifeskills Program' Nutrition and Food Safety Education; Parenting Education; Cradle Crier/Toddler Tale Newsletters; Volunteer Leader Training Programs.

* **To Sustain NH's Natural Resources:**
  Dairy Management; Agroecology; Forest Resources Stewardship Program; Fruit Production and Management; GIS training; Lakes Lay Monitoring Program; Integrated Pest Management; Ornamental Horticulture; Insect and Disease Control; Vegetable Crop Production; Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Water Quality/Nutrient Management Programs; Estate Planning and Conservation Easement Education Programs.

* **To Improve the Economy:**
  Small Business Assistance (Forest Industry, Loggers, and Foresters; Farms and Nurseries); Farm and Forest Product Marketing; Agricultural Business Management; Family Financial Management; Employment Skills Training Program.

Extension Staff: Tom Buob, Agricultural Resources; Ginny DiFrancesco, Water Quality; Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H/Youth Development; Michal Lunak, Dairy; Deborah Maes, Family & Consumer Resources; Northam Parr, Forestry & Wildlife Resources; Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections; Jacqueline Poulton, LEAP (Lifeskills for Employment, Achievement and Purpose). Educators are supported by Anita Hollenhorst, Donna Mitton and Kristina Vaughan at the Extension Office.

Extension Advisory Council: Mike Dannehy, Woodsville; Sheila Fabrizio, North Haverhill; James Kinder, North Haverhill, David Keith, North Haverhill; Shaun Lagueux, Bristol; Jane O'Donnell, Little; Cindy Putnam, Piermont; Debby Robie, Bath; Carol Ronci, Franconia; Denis Ward (Chair), Monroe. Teen Members include: Molly Roy, Bath and Justine Morris, Haverhill.

Extension Office Hours are
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North Haverhill, NH 03774-4909

Web Site: www.ceinfo.uh.edu

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

2005 Annual Report

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met seven (7) times during 2005. Once again, District programs provided residents access for proper disposal of their household hazardous wastes (HHW), paint, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries. The District also worked diligently on securing long term disposal and hauling contracts for its member communities.

The District's one-day HHW collection program consisted of three collections held in the towns of Littleton, Plymouth, and Thornton. As estimated 502 residents were served by the collections - 43% of which had never participated in a collection event before. The total costs for the three collections were slightly less than $22,500, which is comparable to the costs associated with the 2003 and 2004 one-day collection program. The District received $11,196 in grant funds from the State of NH's HHW grant program to help offset a portion of the program's costs. The 2005 program saw the District collect slightly more than 33,090 pounds of wastes, again comparable to the amounts collected in 2003 and 2004. The average amount of waste disposed of by individual participants was approximately 66 pounds. Flammable liquids and oil-based paints accounted for nearly half of the waste collected. In 2006, the District plans to hold two (2) collections in the spring (Littleton and Rumney) and one (1) in the fall (Plymouth)

In addition to the one-day HHW collections, individual District towns continued to collect leftover/unused household paint. This material is accepted at most facilities April through September. Out selected contractor sorts the material by color and then processes it into a recycled paint product for commercial sale. Over 2,000 gallons of paint was collected in 2005, almost identical to the amount collected in 2004. At the same time the District decreased the amount of non-acceptable materials collected by nearly 50%, which saved over $900 in charge.

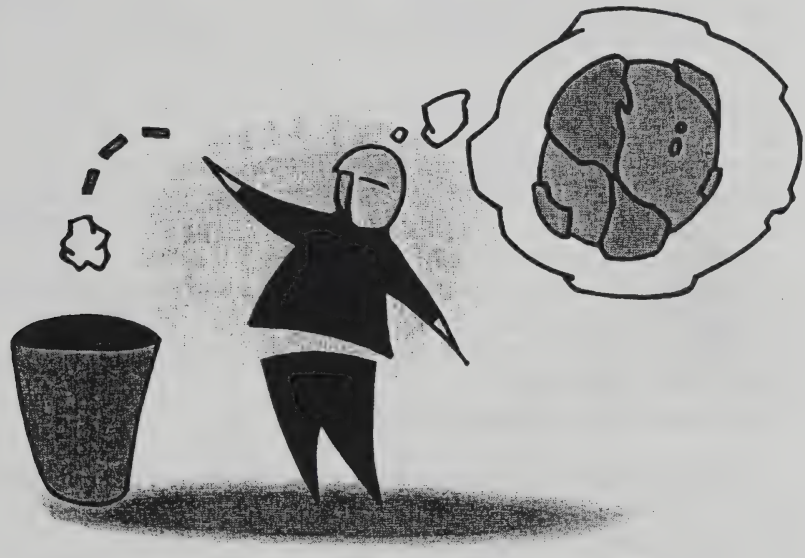
The District also recycled over 27,200 feet of fluorescent light bulbs and 1,100 gallons of antifreeze. These materials, much like the paint, were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year. In the spring and fall pickups were coordinated with our recycling vendors. The ongoing collections not only provide less expensive recycling options for wastes typically collected at HHW collections, but they also allow District residents greater access to disposal opportunities, in turn minimizing the potential for improper disposal. All of the District's

collection programs were coordinated with the assistance of North Country Council.

Finally, after a comprehensive request for proposal process the District's sub-committee assigned for handling the contract process recommended to the full District Board a waste disposal contract offered by North County Environmental Services and a waste hauling contract offered by Waste Management, Inc. At the District's November meeting, the Board voted to accept the proposals submitted by both companies. Pending final negotiations, both contracts will be for seven years, commencing on May 1, 2006. These contracts will not only provide District communities with competitive pricing but also provide long-term stability.

Citizens interested in Participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Berti
PBSWD chairman



REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

by

RAYMOND S. BURTON, COUNCILOR

DISTRICT ONE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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As one of your elected public servants, I am honored to report to you in my role as Executive Councilor for District One.

My Constitutional and legal responsibilities while serving in this position parallel those of a Board of Directors. We administer state law and budgets passed by the NH House and Senate. We also must comply with federal laws and regulations when we accept federal programs, projects and grants.

One responsibility of the Governor and Council is to seek citizens willing to serve on the state volunteer boards and commissions. It is important that your region be well represented. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, please send your letter of interest and resume to my office or directly to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. (603) 271-2121. Visit the Secretary o State's website to see what is available/open at:
www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm

Sources of information from my office to you include:

The New Hampshire Constitution
Official NH Highway Map
Organizational Chart of NH State Government
NH Political Calendar 2006-07
NH Executive Council brochure
Listing of toll-free phone numbers for resources and information.

Effective email/website source includes:

www.nh.gov for all state agencies;executive, legislative, state personnel, licensing boards, and much more.

www.nh.gov/council includes duties, minutes of meetings, agendas for upcoming meetings and the history of the Executive Council.

bcheney@nheom.state.nh.us Bruce Cheney, Bureau Chief all emergency management matters.

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/ All NH House Members email addresses

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/senate/members All NH State Senate Members email addresses.

I am always available to assist you and your region in solving issues and concerns of importance to you

IT IS A PLEASURE TO SERVE DISTRICT ONE

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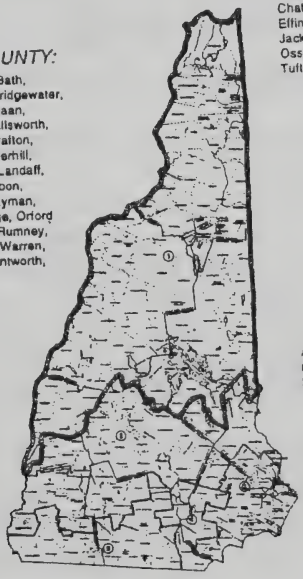
CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc., Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth, Enfield, Franconia, Grafton, Groton, Hanover, Haverhill, Hebron, Holderness, Landaff, Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon, Livermore, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock



COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster, Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland, Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne, Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford, Whitefield

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

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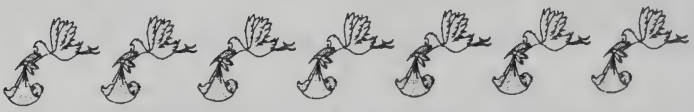
VITAL STATISTICS DORCHESTER, N.H.

DEATHS

Name	Date	Place	Parents
Alice Melanson	07-30-05	Plymouth, NH	Harry Krim Alice Williams
Robert Estabrook	08-26-05	Laconia, NH	Fred Estabrook Nina Rice
Romeo Decato	12-25-05	Dorchester, NH	Romeo Decato Gladys Valia

MARRIAGES

Date	Groom/Bride	Residence
05-14-05	Donnie R. Bemis Amanda M. Tetu	Dorchester, N.H. Dorchester, N.H



BIRTHS

Place	Date	Name	Parents
Plymouth, N.H.	07-19-05	Cassandra Lynn Cummings	Jessica Mozeika Christopher Cummings

Summary of the Dorchester 2005 Town Meeting

March 12, 2005 Town Meeting opened at 10 A.M.

Moderator Henry L. Melanson opened the meeting and gave instructions to the voters gathered. He then read Article 1 and the results of the 2005 Town Election.

Article 1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Results of Town Elections held on March 08, 2005:

Selectman for three (3) years - A. John Franz - 45 votes
Treasurer for one (1) year - Brian A. Howe - 53 votes
Tax Collector for one (1) year - Brenda A. Howe - 54 votes
Town Clerk for one (1) year - Brenda Howe - 54 votes
Road Agent for three (3) years - George C. Conkey - 55 votes
Trustee of Trust Fund for three (3) years - Carol Towne - 3 votes
Auditors for 1 year - Martha L. Walker - 48 votes
Elizabeth Trought - 6 votes
Cemetery Trustee for one (1) year - Nancy Comeau - 9 votes
Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years - John Guarnieri - 12 votes

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thirty-two thousand, three hundred thirty-six dollars ($332,336.00), to defray Town charges

Moderator read the Article.
John Franz made the motion that it be accepted as read. Seconded by David Conkey.
Moderator read the article and opened it for discussion.

Betty Trought asked about entry of FICA twice in the Budget. Linda Landry explained.
Joshua Trought questioned Fire Coverage. John Franz explained that Canaan did not bill the Town for 2004 in 2004.
Michael Landry commented on the Town's 100% buy in to Lakes Region Dispatch.
Kimberly Tracey asked how much did it cost to buy in? John Franz explained.
Betty Trought asked what the Canaan fire bill amount would be? John Franz explained. Discussion followed about the cost.
Joshua Trought asked if sand contract went out to bid? John Franz explained the process.

Kimberly Tracey asked who maintained Rte. 118? John Cote explained that the State shed in Canaan did and that Rte 4 was their priority.
Betty Trought questioned what debt service meant? Brian Howe, treasurer, explained.

Moderator moved the question.
John Franz seconded it.
Moderator read the article.

Article 2 PASSED as read

Article 3. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moderator read the Article .
John Franz made the motion that it be accepted as read. Seconded by John Cote.
Open for discussion

Linda Landry presented award to Selectmen for 3rd place in 2004 Town Report contest.
Michael Landry from the Conservation Commission asked for direction the Town would like to pursue reference the land gifted to the Town by the Melody family.
Kimberly Tracey suggested a park for the kids to play in.
Bill Trought asked what the Melody family intent was.
Malcolm Ray was concerned about liability issues.
Patricia Franz suggested being careful of environmental effect.
John Franz was concerned about health liability for volunteer workers.
Betty Trought suggested walking trails and parking area.
Michael Landry said 90% of Dorchester is in current use and open to recreation.
Patricia Franz asked if a warrant article was needed to decide on something.
John Franz said Selectmen would do some research and take the peoples' suggestions and concerns under advisement.

Motion to move the question by Richard Carter, Seconded by Andrew Houghton.

Malcolm Ray asked about doing a veterans monument on the Town

Common.
John Cote said he had talked to someone about donating a stone and suggested the vets go and look at them.
Malcolm Ray would like to talk to a person that does stonework.
John Cote suggested they look into costs and get back to the Selectmen.
Malcolm Ray asked if there would need to be warrant article to put up a Town Monument.
John Franz suggested the vets do fund raisers
Malcolm Ray asked if it was ok to use the Town Common.
Patricia Franz, Historic District Commission, said they would like to see the plans and suggested moving the existing flag pole and having the monument and flag together. Plans have to be approved by the Historic District Commission.
Malcolm Ray said he would be chairman of the g group interested in the monument.
John Franz said the Selectmen would be willing to help.
Linda Landry said she has already given a list of vets and their addresses to Rick Azotea.
Betty Trought asked for a vote of the citizens here, if they wanted a monument if approved by the Historic District Commission.

Vote taken: **YES**

Kimberly Tracey asked about all the vacant positions in the Town Report
John Franz said the Town needs to have more volunteers.
Joshua Trought volunteered for the Solid Waste District
Kimberly Tracey volunteered for the Planning Commission
Claudette Hebert volunteered for the Health Council.
Kimberly Tracey praised Linda Landry for her work as Selectmen's Secretary .
Brian Howe commended all the people involved in the Town Hall renovation.
Bill Trought asked for an update on the Town Hall
John Franz explained
Michael Landry explained about the lights on the outside of the building
Kimberly Tracey praised John Franz for his stand on current use land.
Betty Trought suggested contacting Representatives about land use.
Gary Whitney praised the road agent for the good condition of the roads. He also suggested finding a new way to compensate the

agent for "comp" time.
John Franz said the Selectmen would look into it.

Betty Trought asked about the motion to move the question. She moved the question and Gary Whitney seconded.

Vote - YES

Moderator made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Franz.
Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting closed at 11:48 A.M.

Submitted by Brenda Howe, Town Clerk of Dorchester NH

Now you don't!

All that is left of the Province Road Bridge after the June 10, 2005 flood.

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